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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to moderate. Limited trading for prompt and heavy trading for open priced deferred shipments. Offerings light and held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was mixed, with most interest noted on white meat. Buyers are cautious and selective. Offerings light to adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate, most buyers are cautious and selective. Offerings light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 27, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	71	71.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	MAY-SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69-71	71	71.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	MAY-SEP

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EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	69	69.00	40	-	-	-	2000	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	2200	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF APRIL	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.33	70.00 **	67.00 **	EASTERN REGION	69.75	67.67	65.24
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	71.00	67.33	CENTRAL REGION	69.30	66.94	64.56
WESTERN REGION	69.60 **	69.00 **	67.00	WESTERN REGION	68.83	66.93	65.56
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	70.00 **	65.20 **	EASTERN REGION	69.73	67.43	63.79
CENTRAL REGION	69.80 **	69.50 **	67.00	CENTRAL REGION	69.20	66.93	63.27
WESTERN REGION	69.60 **	69.00 **	66.00	WESTERN REGION	68.83	66.93	63.91

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of May 01, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	80.45	266,000
16-24 lbs.	79.75	20,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	--
16-24 lbs.	--	--

Total Volume:	286,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-Apr-2006 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-					
North East	737	23	24.55	(A) 738	24.55
South Atlantic	749	26	32.29	(A) 750	32.29
North Central	2,054	5	33.29	(A) 2,054	33.29
South Central	703	14	18.80	(A) 703	18.80
West	326	21	26.46	(A) 326	26.46
U.S. total	4,569(B)	13	29.01	2 4,571	29.01
To-date					
2006	68,393(B)			91	68,484
To-date					
2005	65,471(B)			50	65,521

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 57,000; for the current year to date 386,000; for last year to date 370,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	482,566*
April 1 - 22, 2006	306,487*

To date 2006	1,574,489*
To date 2005	1,553,918*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 22-Apr-2006				
Head	2,043	2,469	57	2 4,571
Avg Wt	17.40	38.51	32.95	40.20 29.01
Last week	1,838	2,164	28	6 4,036
Same wk yr ago	1,646	2,639	15	1 4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40 29.54
To-date/2006	28,730	39,277	386	91 68,484
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50 65,521

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak with some improvement noted. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums ranged from light at best on sized to fully adequate, tom full-cut wings and necks adequate to instances ample, and tom 2-joint wings adequate to burdensome. The market tone on thigh meat was cautiously steady to steady. Demand light to moderate with increased inquiry noted from Mexico. Some caution was noted as industry members watch Russian market developments. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh scapula 124, Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 158, 12-14 lb. 168, 14-16 lb. 170, 16-20 lb. 180; plant grade non basted rib breasts - 14-16 lb. 158, 18-20 lb. 167 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 41, fresh thigh meat 73 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	112.00		112.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	145.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.00	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-44.00		41.00	36
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	39.75	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-25.00		21.09	137
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00-24.00		23.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.00-33.00		30.43	14
NECKS, HEN		F	34.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.25	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	178.00-182.00		180.33	202
THIGH MEAT	68.00-70.00		68.10	42
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	72.00-74.00		72.67	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	116.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00		122.00	4
TENDERLOINS		F	161.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	172.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.88	64
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.67	312
TAILS		T	37.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.50-69.00		68.25	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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					WTD	
					AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	117.00		117.00	80	115.54	260
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	145.00	11	145.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.00	140	106.00	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	41.00	36	41.45	122
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00-41.00		40.00	80	40.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	40	39.60	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.09	137	21.89	341
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	40	39.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	16	112.00	16
NECKS, TOM		R	30.43	14	32.97	66
NECKS, HEN		F	34.00	2		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	171.00		171.00	40	171.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	176.00-182.00		179.60	167	179.70	583
THIGH MEAT	70.00		70.00	40	69.02	82
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	72.67	120	72.67	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.00		114.00	120	114.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00-124.00		121.71	41	122.33	85
TENDERLOINS		F	161.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.00-169.00		168.39	230	168.93	270
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.88	64		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	91.00		91.00	30	89.75	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	23.00	40	22.24	136
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.43	564	43.14	1,024
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	40	21.30	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.67	312	30.67	312
TAILS	36.00-38.00		37.00	80	37.00	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	120	20.40	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-66.00		65.00	216	66.93	1,048

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